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In re Application of:]
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Serial No.]]]

For: SYSTEM FOR INSPECTING MATT,] Attorney Docket 1-15698
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action and before examination, please amend the application being filed concurrently herewith under 35 U.S.C. 371 as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, above line 1, insert --TITLE--; line 3, insert --BACKGROUND OF THE

INVENTION--: between lines 3 and 4, insert -1. Field of the Invention--: line 9, insert

Discussion of Related Art

Page 2, line 8, insert -**OBJECT OF THE INVENTION**-; line 24, insert -**BRITISH**-

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION—